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Police Arrest Six for Dealing Narcotics, Cite Burns Harbor Bar

BURNS HARBOR, Ind. (March 25) – Indiana State Excise Police officers cited a Burns Harbor bar Friday night after six people were arrested on narcotics-dealing charges.

Officers from the State Excise Police were assisted by the Porter County Drug Task Force and Burns Harbor Police Department in an investigation into the sale of narcotics in and around The Shift Change, 295 Melton Road.

As a result of their investigation, six people were arrested – two at the bar and four in nearby homes – for their involvement in the sale of narcotics in and around the bar.

Excise officers preliminarily charged The Shift Change with being a public nuisance, not maintaining a high-and-fine reputation, purchasing alcohol from another retailer and refilling liquor bottles.

The Portage Police Department, Porter Police Department and Ogden Dunes Police Department also assisted in serving the arrest warrants.

Excise officers will continue to work with local police departments to promote public safety. Anyone with information on any unlawful activity at any alcoholic-beverage business may contact the local Excise Police district office at: <http://www.in.gov/atc/iseip/2379.htm>.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal and administrative-law defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.